

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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"THE POISON OF DISLOYALTY."

President Wilson has said the thing that had to be said and said it well. His declaration that disloyal citizens of foreign birth cannot be tolerated is echoed in every true American heart. We have had enough plots and counter-plots, enough of secret conspiracies against our factories and our ships, enough war-vessel provisioning schemes, enough recruiting schemes; enough Dumbas and von Papens.

We have had enough part-Americans. To be acceptable, our citizen must be all-American.

He must hold such instant and sincere loyalty to the American flag and American institutions that he will have nothing to do with plots against American life, property, customs or ideals.

He must not evade neutrality regulations, or traffic with foreign agents secretly and against the laws, or attempt to sow discord and stir up strife in American industry.

There are plenty of men of foreign birth and foreign allegiance in the United States who will do these things, or try to do them, regardless of whether or not their activities are subversive to the order and security of the country that harbors them. Plenty of professed foreigners—so that there need be no professed Americans in this business.

A good deal of twaddle is written both for and against the hyphen.

The hyphen itself is no emblem of disgrace. Only is it a dangerous and a sinister attribute when it is used as the stepping-stone from Americanism to something else.

There are French-Americans and German-Americans and Russian-Americans and other representatives of the so-called "hyphenates" who are as true and as sincere and as patriotic and as staunch in their loyalty as any man or woman whose ancestors for generations tilled the soil of New England or raised cotton and tobacco in the South.

These are the men and women who stand by the American administration; not those who question and quibble over and stir and condemn their Americanism, and scheme for some advantage to the nation at the other end of the hyphen.

It is such schemers as these to whom the president referred as the "creatures of passion and anarchy who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life."

The American citizen of foreign birth or extraction who is not ready to stand by the country of his adoption—stand by it warmly, wholeheartedly, through thick and thin—is not an American. At heart he is still the subject of some foreign potentate and power. The place for him is not on American soil, but back in the war-zone, provided he has the necessary courage. "By their fruits ye shall know them." The citizen of foreign blood who gives his support to the national designation just across the hyphen from "American" should also be giving his support to that foreign country on the battle-field.

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH HAWAII.

(From the Portland, Ore., Spectator)

A telegram from Traffic Manager Stone of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company tells of the enthusiasm with which the people of Southern California receive the news of the establishment of direct communication between Los Angeles and the Hawaiian Islands. When the Great Northern arrived in San Pedro harbor on November 27 on her first voyage to Honolulu the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles will give a reception in her honor. The chamber has issued a proclamation urging all the citizens of Los Angeles to be present and calling attention to the advantages that Los Angeles will enjoy through closer trade relations with the islands.

"After the exposition—what?" writes Mr. Stone in a communication to a newspaper on

the subject of developing more tourist and commercial business with Hawaii. "Are we to relax our general efforts, and watchfully wait for something to turn up? The development and popularizing of travel to the fascinating Hawaiian Islands is but one of the means to the end we may offer greater variety to travelers. We are instituting a national campaign of advertising of our new de luxe service down the coast, via Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and our hope is that it will build up a profitable all-year tourist business to and through Oregon, Washington and California."

SOMETHING WRONG.

It seems quite clear that, whatever his other qualifications, Superintendent Tucker of the Boys' Industrial School lacks diplomacy and skill in handling the youngsters entrusted to his care. There were no such troubles as are now being experienced in the days of either Superintendent Needham or Superintendent Gibson, while with improved facilities and wider knowledge of the intricacies of the particular work, there should be much less. The weight of all circumstances point directly to incapacity in high places in the school, and we are beginning to doubt that there will be any improvement until a change in the management of the institution is made.—Garden Island.

Correspondent Albert, after relating that treasury department officials consider the price asked for the Irwin site excessive, makes this comment: "Those young men in the supervising architect's office who have been worrying themselves ill concerning the material to be used in the new building, will be plaiting their long, grey beards to prevent stepping on them, before either marble, sandstone or concrete is needed." Moreover, with the government in great need of funds and Honolulu unable to present a satisfactory proposition for the federal building site, the city may lose part of the \$1,325,000 through long delay.

Hawaii can look forward with confidence to the future as regards passenger transportation. The Great Northern service is in operation. In 1917 the big new Matson liner will be ready to go on an all-the-year-round schedule. Perhaps before then the traffic will have outgrown the available accommodations, but probably only in the height of the tourist season will there be anything approaching congestion. The building of the new Matson liner is another guarantee of the future of the tourist traffic.

Claud Kitchen, the new chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, is a strong Bryan man, a long-time personal friend of the Peerless Leader and can hardly be counted upon by the Wilson forces in an out-and-out fight. Furthermore, according to that walking encyclopedia on things congressional, Bob Breckons, Kitchen is a supporter of the single-term presidential idea. It is peculiar how persistently this single-term declaration of Democracy is now beginning to crop up.

The Democratic national convention being slated for St. Louis next year, the Republicans will probably choose Chicago. An unwritten law always causes the party in power to hold its convention first, so that the Republican convocation will probably assemble late in June. Of course Honolulu will put in a request for the convention, but—just between friends—that is more promotion than political work.

John D. Rockefeller was said to have subscribed \$30,000,000 of the recent Allies' war loan floated in America. Now was the attack on a Standard Oil steamer by an Austrian submarine in the nature of poetic justice?

Judge Stuart appears to be one of the readiest letter-writers Honolulu has had in many years, which is saying a great deal.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SUPERVISOR HORNER: The more I think of it, the more am I convinced that the board did wrong in laying parking along Kalakaua avenue. Yes, I voted for it, too.

—SUPERVISOR LARSEN: It certainly looks as if the supervisors are settling fast upon a standard pavement, and that pavement is concrete. Our descendants for years to come will bless us for it.

—JUDGE W. L. WHITNEY: As far

as I know, the new industrial schools board has not yet decided upon any set policy regarding the management of the two local institutions. The board will begin work on January 1.

—EVANGELIST J. E. BROWN: My trip to Schofield Barracks yesterday certainly was an inspiring one. Not only was I pleased with the conduct and attention of the men at the post, but the scenery out that way impressed me as being most beautiful.

—WILLIAM BERNER: When Washington State College and Brown University meet in Pasadena on New Year's Day, the East will have to admit for once the strength of the West. I predict that the Pullman

boys will come off victorious, and I'm not a Washington state man, either.

—ROBERT DAY WILLIAMS: Just as I was reading the headline, "Great Northern Running Like Scared Cat," in last night's Star-Bulletin I had a splendid illustration of the big boat's speed. One of the neighbor's cats, pursued by another neighbor's dog, came around the house at the moment and took to a tree a few feet away from me.

Giuseppe Creator, the band leader, and Miss Rosina De Marinise of New York were married at Providence by Rev. Francis Gibbs, pastor of the First Universalist church.

Letters OF THE DAY

DISTORTING WAR NEWS.

Honolulu, Dec. 8, 1915.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: The Advertiser of November 18 published the following alleged despatch from London, also dated the 18th, under the credit line of The Associated Press:

"The British hospital ship Anglia, sailing under the Red Cross flag with wounded, was attacked and sunk by a German submarine in the channel yesterday, 35 out of her complement of 385—crew, wounded passengers, surgeons and nurses—being either killed by the force of the explosion or drowned. The 300 survivors, who managed to reach the small boats, have been picked up and brought to port."

"The first news of the sinking of the Anglia credited the disaster to a floating mine, inasmuch as it was not believed that a submarine attack would be made upon a Red Cross ship in broad daylight, when a mistake in the character of the ship would be impossible."

"That the attack was made by a submarine, deliberately, was shown when the British collier Lusitania, which went to the aid of the Anglia and which was standing by to assist in the rescue of the wounded passengers, was likewise attacked by the submarine and sunk with a torpedo. Her crew was picked up without loss."

The despatches actually sent out by The Associated Press on the night of November 17, reporting the truth of this double disaster and published in full in mainland papers of the following morning, are these, taken from the New York Times of November 18:

"DOVER, Nov. 18.—The British hospital ship Anglia, with about 300 wounded men aboard, in addition to the crew, nurses and attendants, bound from France for Dover, struck a mine in mid channel today and sank in a very short time."

"Nearly 100 men, most of them seriously wounded and therefore in their cot, lost their lives."

"The collier Lusitania, which was near at the time of the accident, immediately went to the assistance of the Anglia, and her boats had just been lowered when she also struck a mine and foundered. All her crew were saved."

"A patrol vessel succeeded in rescuing 300 of the Anglia's passengers and crew, including some nurses. A number of bodies were recovered."

"LONDON, Nov. 17.—The following official communication concerning the sinking of the hospital ship Anglia was made public tonight:

"The War Office reports that the hospital ship Anglia struck a mine in the channel today and sank. The total number on board was 13 officers and 372 men of other ranks, of whom 300 were saved by a patrol vessel."

"Another ship proceeding to the rescue was also sunk by another mine."

"Another official communication says:

"King George was shocked to hear that the Anglia, which so recently conveyed him across the Channel, had been sunk. His Majesty is grieved at the loss incurred, but trusts that the survivors have not unduly suffered from their terrible exposure."

"The loss of the two ships is thought in some quarters to have been due to mines which broke from their moorings in the recent storm."

I am aware of the professional courtesy which exists among editors in respect of their own follies and errors. This case falls outside the class of personalities.

A gross injustice, wearing the appearance of deliberate malignity, has been done by the publication of a false statement, which never has been corrected, though the arrival of San Francisco and other mainland papers, long ago supplied the opportunity. I presume it would be humiliating for an editor to urge in a matter of such capital importance that he did not read the metropolitan papers, but even that extenuation does not exist, for the Advertiser this morning quotes at length from the New York Times, showing that the editor keeps in touch with such portions of the war news published elsewhere as supports his policy and serves his convenience. Discredit has been thrown by the fabrication of this purported telegram not only on the newspaper which displayed it on its front page, but also on the source of your own news, which likewise derives from The Associated Press. That organization is extremely jealous of the integrity of its despatches. It prides itself on the accuracy and impartiality of its news and does not permit its subscribers to write in their individual bias or editorial partisanship. In this connection I call your attention to the studiously

restrained language of the originals quoted above, as contrasted with the infernal quality of the distorted news fed to us here.

These are difficult times. The responsibilities of those who handle the news never were graver, and at no point are they weightier than here, where the only two newspapers we have both take the same news service and there is no corrective competition.

Where a calumny so grave as that exposed here has been committed and clearly proved, we have the right, as readers absolutely dependent on a limited and distant supply of information, to demand temperately but firmly that adequate correction be made. It is perhaps not equally our privilege, but it would be equally to our benefit, if the individual responsibility for such astounding errors, which destroy absolutely one's confidence in all that one reads, could be fixed as definitely as the equity of the case demands.

AMERICAN.

MURDER CHARGE NOT SUSTAINED, SAYS DECISION

(Continued from page one)

er the court had thanked them for their services.

Six Possible Decisions.
Six forms of verdict were handed the jury when it retired: Guilty of second degree murder, of each of the three degrees of manslaughter, or assault with a dangerous weapon, and acquittal.

One of the attorneys for the defendant said today that the defense undoubtedly will enter a motion for a new trial of the case. The matter has been continued until 9 o'clock next Saturday morning either for sentence or for further disposition. The maximum sentence for assault with a dangerous weapon is five years at hard labor in the penitentiary. No money penalty is provided. Buchanan was defended by three army officers, including the judge advocate of the Hawaiian department, and Attorney William T. Rawlins. City Attorney A. M. Brown conducted the case for the prosecution.

Buchanan is said to have an excellent reputation as a soldier, and his conviction in circuit court will strip him of his corporal's chevrons and result in his discharge from the service, according to one of the attorneys for the defense.

According to statements made to the jury by the prosecution, Buchanan and his wife attended a card party on the evening of October 27. As they alighted from a street car near their home after leaving the party, a colored soldier came up and told Buchanan that he was wanted immediately at Schofield Barracks, as there was some trouble. The soldier said he had left a note to this effect at Buchanan's house.

Wife Gave Him Five Cents.

Buchanan's wife gave him five cents, the prosecution said, and the former caught the next car and went to town. He arrived at the railroad just in time to see the last train to Schofield pulling out. Buchanan hunted around until he found an army motor truck belonging to Schofield. The driver told Buchanan that he was going to the barracks at about 4 o'clock the next morning, and that he would take Buchanan out with him.

Buchanan, the prosecution said, started home, intending to stay there until it was time for the truck to leave town. When he reached home he knocked at the door. There was no answer, but Buchanan heard a scuffling inside and then saw another colored soldier named Bert Palmer leave the house by the back way. Palmer was clad only in his shirt and socks, the defendant testified.

Palmer Came Back.

Mrs. Buchanan let her husband into the house and the couple began to quarrel regarding the presence of Palmer. It is alleged that on one occasion Palmer came back to the house and demanded that Buchanan come out into the street and "fight it out like a man."

For nearly four hours Buchanan and his wife sat in their bedroom and quarreled over the matter. Then, it is alleged, Buchanan heard Palmer returning and looked around for a weapon. He saw the handle of a revolver protruding from under his wife's pillow. Both Buchanan and his wife reached for the gun at the same time, and in the struggle which ensued, the weapon was discharged five times. One of the shots killed Mrs. Buchanan.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY TONIGHT AT C. U. CHURCH

(Continued from page one)

ist J. E. Brown. Every young person in the city is earnestly invited to attend, as the address promises to be one of the features of the big evangelistic campaign which now is stirring Honolulu.

At 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening the center section of Central Union will be reserved for those residents of Honolulu who follow the newspaper profession—whether they be editors, office boys, reporters, proof-readers, printers, bookbinders, advertising men or carriers. "Making Excuses" will be the subject of Evangelist Brown's address. There will be special music by the augmented choir and C. P. Curry, who is here with Mr. Brown, will sing.

Mr. Curry's voice has greatly improved now that he has recovered his "land legs," and his singing is one of the pleasing features of the campaign meetings. He is also gaining praise for the excellent manner in which he is directing the big augmented choir of more than 50 voices, and for his

After the shooting Buchanan walked down to the police station, said "I have killed my wife," and gave himself up.

Shortly after he had testified regarding his version of the affair at the coroner's inquest, Palmer was arrested on a charge of perjury. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in Oahu prison by Judge Ashford.

cleverness in "getting music" out of the audiences.

Visited Oahu College.

At 8:10 o'clock this morning the evangelist and soloist visited Oahu College where the former spoke to the students of both the academy and the preparatory school. His topic was "Character Building."

Next Saturday evening will be "Enlisted Men's Night" at Central Union church. A canvas of the various posts in and about Honolulu is being made by W. E. Pietsch, evangelist, who is stirring up enthusiasm among the men.

At 3:45 o'clock next Sunday afternoon Evangelist Brown will hold a service in Central Union church for the men and boys of Honolulu. No boys under 14 years of age will be admitted. The sermon subject will be "Chickens Come Home to Roost."

"One hundred and ninety-two members of the 25th Infantry came forward and took a stand for Jesus Christ at the service held at Schofield Barracks yesterday," said Evangelist Brown. "I consider that this is a remarkable step toward the success of the Honolulu campaign. Nine men took the stand at a meeting at the Central fire station last evening."

The attendance at the outdoor service last night was smaller because of the chill in the air. About 150 men listened while Mrs. William H. Fry, wife of the superintendent of the Methodist missions, sang, and Col. Blanche B. Cox of the Salvation Army spoke. Mrs. Fry sang "My Mother's Prayer" and the crowd showed its hearty approval of her excellent voice.

An account of last night's meeting at Central Union church will be found on page 14 of today's issue of the Star-Bulletin.

Ladies interested in the latest foot wear should see the Bronze Heeled Genesta Pumps just received at the Manufacturers' Shoe Store.—Adv.

A train load of wheat from Bulgaria, the first shipment, arrived at Cologne, Germany.

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